

**Internship Title:** Madrean Archipelago Wildlife Center Communications Coordinator

**To be posted to:** University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, CU Boulder, Western Colorado University.

**Duration:** Fall 2023 Semester with the potential to be extended through Winter 2024

**Salary:** This is an unpaid volunteer internship position. Course credit may be applicable.

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**How to apply:** Please email Kate Scott a copy of your CV or resume (less than 2-pages) and a one page description of your experience and educational goals.

**Website:** <https://www.mawcenter.org/>

### **Position Description:**

The internship is sponsored by the Madrean Archipelago Wildlife Center (MAWC). MAWC was an instrumental organizational facilitator for the Border Wall Resistance Coalition composed of Sierra Club Borderlands, Center for Biological Diversity, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Voices from the Border, Green Valley Samaritans, and other southeast Arizona artists and activists. This coalition was successful in stopping the illegal shipping container wall in the Coronado National Forest in winter 2022. The destruction occurred in the middle of pristine grasslands that support endangered jaguar, ocelot and pronghorn antelope habitats and critical migration corridors.

Given our organization's proximity to the border, we are continually engaged in monitoring, documenting, and reporting the environmental and wildlife related injustices with the impacts of the border wall. Currently, we are developing and facilitating the [Jaguar Rising Campaign](#), a volunteer-run grassroots coalition that seeks to protect endangered migratory species from the impacts of the U.S. - Mexico border wall through a national outreach campaign. The communications coordinator intern position will help co-create and organize our media outreach, press releases, email blasts, virtual webinars/Zoom meetings, as well as interfacing personally and remotely in presenting to community leaders, non-profit organizations, legislators, artists, and activists. The position will require at a minimum bi-weekly trips to the border as we continue to monitor and assess remediation and restoration of critical areas along the border wall including areas along the San Pedro River, Pajarito Mountains, and the former site of the shipping container wall in the San Raphael Valley of the Coronado National Forest.

### **Intern Responsibilities**

- Engage in conversations with various parties of interest around biodiversity and the border wall (tribal leaders, academia, non-profits, federal agencies, elected officials and staff, media with expertise in these topics, immigration expertise).
- Identify existing grants or projects.

- Prepare documents and talking points for legislative allies and agencies to bolster support for positive border narratives.
- Coordinate and schedule outreach events, emails, communication literature, etc.

### **What's in it for you?**

- Practical on the ground experience at the intersection of federal and local government policy, private industry, activism and volunteer engagement with a diverse group of people.
- Professional connections with activists within the Border Wall Resistance network, Border Wall Coalition (300 member organization), community leaders, faith leaders, racial and environmental justice non-profit organizations, indigenous leaders, federal and government agencies.
- Learn to navigate between communities of different perspectives. i.e. 'remediation' may mean something different to an out of state private contractor vs. a local environmental land manager.
- Potential for lodging at a private residence close to the Madrean Archipelago Wildlife Center.
- Potential for reimbursement of mileage from lodging to border wall site.

### **Skills and Resources Desired**

- Passion for environmental justice
- Highly organized
- Great communication skills
- Ability to engage with diverse groups
- Willingness to work within dynamic and often ambiguous contexts
- Social media skills
- Graphic design skills
- Proficiency with productivity apps such as Microsoft Office, Google Docs/Sheets, Adobe, Canvas
- Proficiency with virtual meeting platforms; Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Webex Meet
- Personal vehicle w/4WD to travel to field sites over primitive, unmaintained dirt roads

### **Preferred but not required**

- Spanish language fluency
- GIS mapping
- Photography